Subsidies to farmers

1720. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different types of subsidies and concessions provided by the State Governments to the farmers do not reach them due to illiteracy and ignorance and other reasons; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to remove the shortcomings and to take the actual benefit to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) By and large, the farmers are aware of the various types of subsidies and concessions provided by the State Governments. Thus, such subsidies and concessions are generally available to them. However, whenever, any report about non-availability of such subsidies and concessions is received, the same is looked into by the concerned State Government and corrective action taken.

Concessional rates of interest for minor irrigation schemes

1721. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

1721. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH to provide loan to farmers on concessional rate of interest for expansion of minor irrigation schemes; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The credit institutions are already providing term loans to farmers at concessional rates of interest for implementing minor irrigation schemes. The short term cooperative credit structure provides medium term loans for minor irrigation schemes at rate of interest of 10.25% per annum while long term credit structure and commercial banks provide term loans for the purpose at 10% per annum.

Plots auctioned by Delhi Development Authority

1722. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 229 given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st August, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the stay granted by Court on plots auctioned by Delhi Development Authority in April, 1986 near Nehru Place, New Delhi has since been vacated;

(b) if so, whether possession has been given to the successful bidders;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) what is the amount of money deposited with Delhi Development Authority by each successful bidder; and

(e) whether Government propose to give alternate plots in South Delhi to those bidders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Stay order from the Court of Sub-Judge, Delhi.

(d) As per the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(e) No, Sir.

Statement

Details of residential plots auctioned at Kalkaji on 28-4-86 *and* 29-4-86.

S.No.	Plot No	Amount deposi ted with DDA.
1	2	1,20,000·00
2	3	4,93,000·00
3	4	1,23,000.00
4	5	5,06,000.00
5	7	1,24,000.00
6	8	1,50,000.00
7	9	5,36,000·00
8	15	2,40,250·00
9	16	2,25,750,00
10	10	2,35,272·00+1,26,250 =3,61,522/-
11	11	1,25,750·00
12	13	1,20,500.00
13	14	5,07,000.00
14	17	1,91,250·00
15	18	8,01,000·00
16	145	7,00,000.00

Eradication of untouchability in the country

1723. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any critical analysis to know the effectiveness or otherwise of the Prevention of Untouchability Act and the Civil Right Act in removing untouchability in the country; and

(b) if so, what is the result thereof stating the causes identified for the failure to achieve the desired results and the steps contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) An assessment regarding offences relating to untouchability under the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the various measures taken to eradicate untouchability are contained in the Annual Report on the implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act. The report for 1984 was tabled in Rajya Sabha on 21st February, 1986. The report *inter alia*, contains the measures taken by the Government of India and the State Governments/U.T. Administrations for the eradication of untouchability till December, 1984.

Allotment of government accommodation to personal staff of ministers

1724. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether officials in the personal staff of Central Ministers are allotted higher type of Government quarter than they are entitled in their permanent posts in their parent offices;

(b) if so, the names of officials who have been allotted such accommodation together with types of quarters allotted during the last three years;

(c) what are the grounds on which they have been allotted higher type of quarters;

(d) whether these officials are required to surrender these quarters when they cease to be in the personal staff of the Ministers; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (c) Not normally Sir. However in a few cases higher type of accommodation have been sanctioned with the approval of competent authority keeping in view their nature of duties etc.